



Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - September 26, 2025



Rowing with Grace Learn-to-Row Event

What a day on the water for Grace Church! This past Sunday, our 20/30s+ group hosted over 30 Gracers of all ages at the Narragansett Boat Club (NBC). Two full crews of beginners took to the water in eight-seat rowing barges. Laughter, teamwork, and a bit of friendly competition filled Seekonk River.

We're grateful to NBC coaches Kim and John, rowers and cheerers. The event was given to Grace as part of a contribution to the American Parkinson Disease Association of Rhode Island (APDARI). For anybody who would like to amplify our effort: [Donate to Our Rhode Island Chapter | APDA Rhode Island](#).



Evensong on Sunday

You are invited to join us this Sunday, September 28, at 4pm when the full choir sings Choral Evensong!

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. Music will include Calvin Hampton's epic "There was war in heaven" and Herbert Howells' sublime setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis written for St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

A reception follows Evensong.



Cemetery Saturday - October 4

On Saturday, October 4, from 9am to noon, Grace Church will be supporting the annual **Care for The Square** spruce-up event in Trinity Square, which is anchored by the increasingly-beautiful Grace Church Cemetery. We hope many smiling faces from Grace Church will make an appearance, so come out if you can and see the progress we've made in renovating our nine-acre historic gem.

Senior Warden Joel Goloskie will lead a short guided tour, including the stately gravestone of Bishop John



Henshaw, who served as rector of Grace Church and led the construction of the beautiful church building we enjoy to this day.

The Cemetery is located at 10 Elmwood Avenue, just a few minutes' drive from Grace Church.



Blessing of the Animals - October 5

Next Sunday, October 5, we will observe the Feast of St. Francis with the Blessing of Animals. All animals (tame and friendly!) are welcome to join us at the 10 AM service for a blessing. Pictures of pets and stuffed animals also are welcome!

PS - We're expecting some very BIG special guests to join us out front that day - you won't want to miss it!

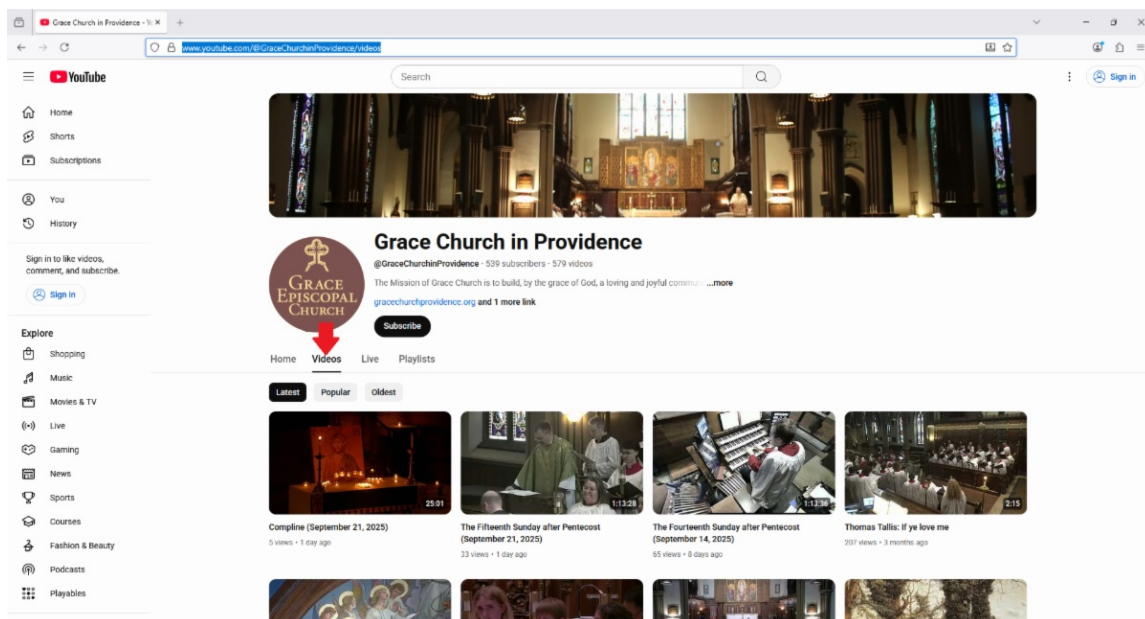
Updates on Grace's Live-Streaming

For those who enjoy our live-streamed services, you may have noticed that we've been unable to broadcast live for the past couple of weeks. We apologize for the inconvenience.

We've been working with our vendor to understand the issue and, as of this writing, are working diligently with them to effect a solution. We hope to resume live-streaming starting Sunday, October 5.

Until then, please enjoy the recordings of our services on [Grace's YouTube page under the "Videos" tab](#). Recorded services are available here within 24 hours.

If you have questions, please contact the parish office at 401-331-3225 or admin@gracepvd.org.



Parish Directories Available!

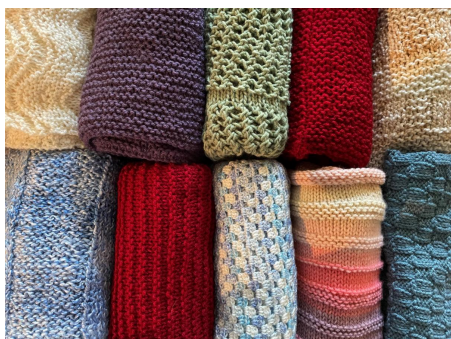
If you haven't yet collected your updated Grace Church parish directory last Sunday, please stop by the table at coffee hour to pick it up. After Sunday, you'll need to contact the parish office to secure one. Remember that directories are available only to those whose names appear in it.



Parish Directory
2025

Not in the directory and want to be? Just fill out a [membership form](#) to join Grace and we're happy to include you and your family!

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Shawl Ministry at Grace

Shawl Ministry continues to knit and crochet prayer shawls for those in need of comfort. We are also currently making hats and scarves for The Seamen's Church Institute to be given to the mariners in their "Christmas at Sea" program. Please join us each Wednesday in the Pavilion from 10am to 11am. New members are

always welcome!

Show Off Your Baking/Buying Skills!

Now that we're back to our worship in church, it's time for our annual reminder about the goodies we share during coffee hour. As you know, we rely on the community to provide snacks and treats for us to enjoy together.

- Do you like to bake but don't have enough folks in your home to eat what you make? Bring it to Grace and we'll be happy to help make those goodies disappear!
- Did your friend bring you a bag or box of something you'd rather not eat? Drop it off in the kitchen on Sunday morning and we'll share the calories with you!
- Want to provide something for coffee hour but don't have the time or inclination to bake? We're happy to have tasty treats that come from a store!



Thank you for support of these weekly gatherings for our community - we can't do it without you!

COVID Season Starting



You may have heard recently in the news that high concentrations of COVID are present in local wastewater, meaning that cases are on the rise. Here at Grace, we've heard of a handful of cases in just the past week, so it's time to start taking precautions.

Masks and hand sanitizer will continue to be available at the entrances to the church, and we encourage everyone to get vaccines. Stay alert for symptoms and practice good hand-washing techniques as we embark on another COVID season. And remember that, if you aren't well enough to come to worship on Sunday, we will live-stream each service so you can join us remotely.

Lost and Found Items

With the colder weather starting, we'll begin to see more items left behind in the sanctuary and Pavilion each Sunday. Please contact the parish office (401-331-3225, admin@gracepvd.org) if you notice anything missing when you get home.



Be aware that we keep lost items for 30 days; after that time they are donated/rehomed.

Worship with Us!

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 28, 2025

Most Sunday mornings, Grace Church offers a "live-stream" broadcast of our 10am service of Holy Eucharist. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sundays to participate in our worship life at Grace.

Livestreamed Worship: Our Sunday services are live-streamed on the Grace Church YouTube Channel. If you can't join us Sunday morning, visit [our YouTube channel](#) and watch/share at your convenience. (Note that if the recording isn't in [the "Live" listing](#), you may find it in [the "Videos" tab](#).) - *Per the note above, this option is on hold while we resolve a streaming issue. Please stay tuned for updates. Thank you for your patience!*

[Click Here to See the Bulletin for This Sunday's Service](#)

Collect for This Sunday: *O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Readings: For the texts of the readings for Sunday worship, [please click here](#).

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*Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together,
ALL ARE WELCOME at Grace Church!*

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